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SUBJ: PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT ON INDIAN OCEAN

1. PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. WOULD PROPOSE TO THE SOVIET UNION THAT THE INDIAN OCEAN BE DEMILITARIZED HAS CAUGHT THE GOA BY SURPRISE. IN PARLIAMENT, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION WHITLAM, A LONG-TIME CRITIC OF THE U.S. BUILD-UP OF DIEGO GARCIA AND A STRONG ADVOCATE OF A QTE ZONE OF PEACE END QTE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN ACCUSED THE GOA OF PUTTING AUSTRALIA OUT OF STEP WITH THE U.S. ON THIS QUESTION. PRIME MINISTER FRASER REPLIED THAT GOA POLICY WAS THAT A BALANCED PRESENCE OF THE TWO SUPER POWERS WAS NEEDED BEFORE A ZONE OF PEACE COULD BE CREATED IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. FRASER WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE MILITARY BALANCE SHOULD BE AT AS LOW
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A LEVEL AS POSSIBLE, AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOA WOULD OPPOSE ANY U.S. DEFENSE CUTS WHICH WOULD LEAVE THE INDIAN OCEAN TO THE SOVIET UNION ALONE.

2. FONMIN PEACOCK WILL MAKE WHAT HAS BEEN BILLED AS "A MAJOR MINISTERIAL STATEMENT" IN PARLIAMENT ON MARCH 12 IN WHICH HE WILL REPORTEDLY SUPPORT THE INDIAN OCEAN INITIATIVE TAKEN BY

PRESIDENT CARTER. PEACOCK WILL EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT ANY U.S. SCALING DOWN IN THE INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE MET BY SIMILAR RUSSIAN WITHDRAWALS. HE WILL ALSO CALL FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO DISMANTLE ITS BASE AT BERBERA BEFORE ANY U.S. PULL OUT OF DIEGO GARCIA.

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